

MALICE IN CHARGES, GAFFNEY DECLARES

Ousted U. S. Consul General Says British Fomented Trouble.

DENIES CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Claim He Smuggled Germanic Documents Laughable—Declares Himself Powerless Against Intrigues.

BERLIN, October 2, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—T. St. John Gaffney, American consul general at Munich, whose resignation has been requested by the State Department at Washington, has given an interview to the Muenchner Zeitung, denying assertions which have been made concerning him. According to the Overseas News Service, Mr. Gaffney told the Muenchner Zeitung:

"The suspicion of the English that I have little enthusiasm for their political system is correct," Mr. Gaffney is quoted as saying, "but I by no means mingle my Irish views with my official functions."

Reply to Criticism.

In his statement to the press in reply to recent criticism of his conduct Mr. Gaffney said:

"I know of these accusations only through the newspapers. Neither by the American ambassador at Berlin or by the Washington government has the

"My relations with the local American colony and with approximately 100 British subjects who are still here are excellent. When, where and how I am supposed to have carried on anti-British propaganda is inexplicable to me.

"The contention that I, with or without the assistance of my position, smuggled German or Austrian letters or documents is simply laughable. I do not consider it commensurate with the dignity of my office to go into the

Called "Malicious Perversion."

the United States that he had entertained Sir Roger Casement, who has been in Germany for several months devoting himself to the cause of Irish freedom, Mr. Gaffney said:

"The story of the celebration I am

supposed to have held in honor of Sir Roger Casement is a malicious perversion of facts. A few weeks ago George B. McClellan, former mayor of New York, was in Munich. A dinner was given in his honor, which was attended by several ambassadors and dignitaries. Sir Roger was then in Munich and was invited at the express wish

Held Enough to Convict.

"The efforts of the British press to involve me are due entirely to the fact that I am an Irishman," Mr. Gaffney continued. "This fact is enough to convict me of having little enthusiasm for the cause."

Mr. Gaffney also commented on assertions that American citizens with whom he had come in contact at the Munich consulate had been ill treated.

he said, "In this connection consists in the fact that I, as consul general at Munich, should have denied absolutely a few weeks ago reports from London concerning statements said to have been made by American citizens who

had been in Munich, which had been printed in American newspapers, and that I should have said that these stories were pure foolishness. I felt it my duty to make such a denial, because the American newspapers indicated plainly that anxiety was felt for

American men and women in Munich. My report showed up the British reports as falsehoods, which they were—deliberate falsehoods and inventions.

Regrets Situation.

"I regret extremely, for the sake of Americans in Munich as well as the British under my protection, that unrest is being fomented systematically. I am, however, absolutely powerless against this ungentlemanly intrigue. It gives me pleasure to say that as a result of my intervention I have won a great victory."

sult of this attack I have won a great deal of sympathy and confidence. Thus far the maneuver of newspapers with the intention of stirring up trouble between the American colony, my British wards and myself can be said to have been wholly defeated."

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